

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING**

#### **Call to Order:**

**CHAIRMAN DAVE KASTEN**, on January 27, 2009 at 8:03 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present:**

Rep. Dave Kasten, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)  
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)  
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. John Brueggeman (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch  
Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP  
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

#### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 5, 1/22/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:05 Call to order  
00:00:07 Chairman Kasten

**LFD Comments and issues:**

00:00:38 Ms. Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division

**EXHIBIT(jlh19a01)**

00:08:35 Sen. Barkus  
00:09:30 Ms. Duncan  
00:10:03 Chairman Kasten  
00:10:07 Sen. Williams  
00:10:15 Rep. Sesso arrives.  
00:10:39 Ms. Duncan  
00:11:57 Chairman Kasten  
00:12:00 Sen. Barkus  
00:12:40 Chairman Kasten  
00:12:58 Ms. Duncan  
00:14:38 Ms. Duncan

**EXHIBIT(jlh19a02)**

00:21:28 Chairman Kasten  
00:21:35 Ms. Duncan  
00:21:39 Chairman Kasten  
00:23:03 Ms. Duncan  
00:25:00 Chairman Kasten  
00:25:10 Rep. Sesso  
00:28:10 Chairman Kasten  
00:29:33 Ms. Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP  
00:30:29 Chairman Kasten  
00:30:41 Ms. Hultin-Brus  
00:31:21 Chairman Kasten  
00:31:27 Sen. Williams  
00:31:44 Chairman Kasten  
00:32:30 Ms. Duncan  
00:37:59 Chairman Kasten  
00:38:12 Sen. Barkus  
00:39:00 Ms. Duncan  
00:40:42 Chairman Kasten  
00:40:45 Rep. Sesso  
00:44:39 Ms. Duncan  
00:45:57 Chairman Kasten  
00:46:12 Ms. Duncan  
00:46:34 Rep. Sesso  
00:46:37 Chairman Kasten  
00:46:40 Ms. Duncan  
00:46:55 Sen. Barkus  
00:47:05 Ms. Hultin-Brus  
00:47:12 Chairman Kasten  
00:47:15 Rep. Getz  
00:47:45 Chairman Kasten  
00:48:04 Ms. Hultin-Brus

00:48:38 Chairman Kasten

**PROJECTS HEARINGS ON HB 5**

00:49:04 Chairman Kasten

**HEARING ON CAPITOL COMPLEX PROJECTS,  
DOA-GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION**

00:49:12 Mr. Triem, Planning Manager, Department of  
Administration(DOA), Architecture and Engineering(A&E)

00:49:38 Chairman Kasten

00:49:44 Mr. Marvin Eicholtz, Administrator, General Services  
Division

**Mechanical and Energy Projects, Capitol Complex (DOA)**

00:51:45 Mr. Eicholtz

**Comments:**

00:52:57 Ms. Duncan

00:54:23 Mr. Eicholtz

00:54:28 Ms. Duncan

00:54:41 Mr. Eicholtz

00:54:48 Chairman Kasten

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:54:57 Rep. Sesso

00:55:05 Mr. Eicholtz

00:55:23 Rep. Sesso

00:55:42 Mr. Eicholtz

00:55:47 Sen. Barkus

00:56:04 Mr. Eicholtz

00:56:35 Chairman Kasten

00:56:44 Rep. Sesso

00:57:05 Rep. Getz

00:57:25 Chairman Kasten

00:57:27 Ms. Duncan

00:57:40 Mr. Eicholtz

00:57:43 Chairman Kasten

00:57:47 Mr. Triem

00:58:15 Chairman Kasten

00:58:17 Ms. Duncan

00:58:29 Mr. Eicholtz

**Elevator & ADA Modifications, Capitol Complex (DOA)**

00:59:13 Mr. Eicholtz  
Sen. Barkus leaves.

**Infrastructure Repairs, State Capitol (DOA)**

01:00:45 Mr. Eicholtz

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:02:25 Sen. Williams  
01:02:33 Mr. Eicholtz

**Parking Lot Upgrades, Capitol Complex (DOA)**

01:03:05 Mr. Eicholtz  
01:04:18 Chairman Kasten

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:04:23 Ms. Duncan  
01:04:51 Rep. Sesso  
01:05:06 Ms. Duncan  
01:05:11 Chairman Kasten

**HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION**

01:05:26 Mr. Triem  
01:05:42 Ms. Sue Clark, Forestry Division, DNRC, Missoula  
01:10:25 Chairman Kasten

**Energy Major Repairs and Small Projects, DNRC Statewide**

01:10:28 Ms. Clark

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:13:01 Chairman Kasten  
01:14:46 Ms. Hultin-Brus  
01:15:16 Chairman Kasten  
01:15:23 Ms. Clark

**PROJECT HEARINGS ON HB 5**

**HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS**

01:15:52 Mr. Triem  
01:16:11 Chairman Kasten

**Energy Conservation Improvements DMA**

01:16:16 Mr. Dan Hubber, State Facilities Officer, Department of  
Military Affairs (DMA)

**Storm Water Improvements/Infrastructure, Phase 3, Fort Harrison**

01:17:32 Mr. Hubber

**Paving Parking Lots, DMA Statewide**

01:17:54 Mr. Hubber

**Federal Spending Authority**

01:18:24 Mr. Hubber

01:19:07 Chairman Kasten

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:19:20 Ms. Duncan

01:19:41 Chairman Kasten entered into the record a letter from  
Rep. Sue Dickenson, HD 25, Great Falls, in support of  
Upper and Lower River Road County Water and Sewer  
District.

**EXHIBIT(jlh19a03)**

01:20:19 Ms. Duncan clarified information on State Liquor  
Warehouse project.

01:21:41 Rep. Sesso

01:22:18 Ms. Duncan

01:22:24 Rep. Sesso

01:22:28 Ms. Duncan

01:22:36 Rep. Sesso

01:22:49 Ms. Duncan

01:22:53 Chairman Kasten

**HEARING ON MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

01:23:09 Mr. Triem

01:23:22 Mr. Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department of  
Transportation (MDT)

01:23:51 Chairman Kasten

**Statewide Maintenance, Repair & Small Projects**

01:24:03 Mr. John Blacker, Deputy Director, MDT

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:26:01 Rep. Sesso  
01:26:18 Mr. Blacker  
01:26:51 Rep. Sesso  
01:27:02 Mr. Blacker  
01:27:15 Rep. Sesso  
01:27:33 Mr. Blacker

**Equipment Storage Building, Statewide**

01:27:47 Mr. Blacker

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:29:17 Chairman Kasten  
01:29:22 Mr. Blacker

**US Highway 93 Project**

01:29:38 Mr. Lynch  
01:31:52 Chairman Kasten

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:31:57 Rep. Getz  
01:32:16 Mr. Lynch  
01:33:02 Rep. Getz  
01:33:10 Mr. Lynch  
01:33:51 Chairman Kasten  
01:34:03 Mr. Lynch  
01:34:24 Chairman Kasten  
01:34:30 Mr. Lynch  
01:35:20 Chairman Kasten  
01:35:47 Mr. Lynch  
01:36:26 Chairman Kasten  
01:36:29 Ms. Duncan  
01:37:13 Rep. Sesso  
01:37:25 Mr. Lynch  
01:37:43 Rep. Sesso  
01:38:31 Mr. Lynch  
01:40:08 Chairman Kasten  
01:40:16 Rep. Getz  
01:41:00 Chairman Kasten

**HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

01:42:00 Mr. Triem  
01:42:35 Chairman Kasten

Break: at 9:45 A.M.

Reconvene: at 9:55 A.M.

01:52:03 Chairman Kasten

**HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

01:52:10 Mr. Triem

**Renovation & Energy Upgrades, State Grain Lab**

01:52:21 Mr. Jim Whaley, A&E, DOA

**EXHIBIT(jlh19a04)**

**Comments:**

01:54:18 Chairman Kasten

01:54:47 Sen. Mitch Tropila, SD 12, Great Falls

01:56:18 Chairman Kasten

01:56:25 Rep Robert Mehlhoff, HD 26, Great Falls

01:57:32 Chairman Kasten

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:57:50 Rep. McNutt

01:57:55 Mr. Whaley

01:58:00 Chairman Kasten

01:58:18 Sen. Cooney

01:58:39 Mr. Whaley

01:58:42 Sen. Cooney

01:58:56 Mr. Whaley

01:59:53 Ms. Hultin-Brus

02:00:18 Chairman Kasten

02:00:20 Sen. Cooney

02:00:57 Rep. McNutt

02:01:08 Sen. Cooney

02:01:14 Chairman Kasten

02:01:18 Rep. Getz

02:01:20 Sen. Williams returns.

**HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

02:01:31 Mr. Triem

02:02:06 Ms. Duncan

**Historic Preservation & Supporting Improvements, MHC Statewide**

02:04:20 Mr. Paul Reichert, Executive Director, Montana Heritage  
Commission

**EXHIBIT(jlh19a05)**

Sen. Barkus returns.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:11:22 Chairman Kasten  
02:11:24 Ms. Duncan  
02:12:37 Chairman Kasten  
02:12:44 Mr. Tom O'Connell, State Architect, A&E, DOA  
02:13:52 Chairman Kasten  
02:14:00 Ms. Duncan  
02:14:39 Chairman Kasten  
02:14:42 Mr. O'Connell  
02:14:58 Chairman Kasten  
02:15:00 Ms. Duncan  
02:15:05 Mr. Reichert  
02:15:26 Ms. Duncan  
02:15:45 Chairman Kasten  
02:15:47 Sen. Williams  
02:16:18 Chairman Kasten  
02:16:21 Ms. Hultin-Brus  
02:16:33 Chairman Kasten  
02:16:35 Ms. Duncan  
02:16:59 Chairman Kasten

**Comments:**

02:17:07 Chairman Kasten  
02:18:07 Mr. Reichert  
02:19:12 Chairman Kasten  
02:19:15 Sen. Cooney  
02:19:30 Mr Reichert  
02:19:44 Sen. Cooney  
02:19:55 Mr. Reichert  
02:20:11 Sen. Cooney  
02:20:22 Mr. Reichert  
02:21:00 Sen. Cooney  
02:21:26 Chairman Kasten  
02:22:00 Mr. Triem  
02:22:11 Chairman Kasten

**Public Comment:** None

02:22:24 Chairman Kasten



**Instructions to Staff:**

02:22:31 Ms. Duncan announced bonding meeting from noon to 1:00  
P.M., Wednesday, Jan 28, 2009 in room 152.  
02:25:19 Sen. Barkus  
02:25:28 Ms. Duncan  
02:25:30 Sen. Barkus  
02:25:34 Chairman Kasten  
02:25:37 Sen. Cooney  
02:25:53 Chairman Kasten  
02:25:57 Sen. Cooney  
02:25:59 Ms. Duncan  
02:26:31 Chairman Kasten

02:26:31 Adjourn:

**ADJOURNMENT**

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MARY ANN MACKAY, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([jlh19aad.pdf](#))**